Classroom Textbooks (\$100,000). I would ban earmarks as we know them, but as long as these earmarks are available, I'm going to apply for them in an effort to pursue federal funding opportunities for my district. For non-defense projects in the current earmarking system, I work closely with local governments, civic organizations, non-profits and business development authorities to identify and prioritize projects important to local communities in Georgia's Eighth Congressional District (and sometimes elsewhere). I only request funds for projects authorized by law for federal funding and do not do so for private parties or entities. This project will purchase new K-12 textbooks in three subjects. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will align the county's education system with new and more rigorous academic standards. Beneficiary: Irwin County Schools, 210 North Apple Street, Ocilla, GA 31774.